in the call for the holding of elections the president of the republic learned that his numerous friends were putting him forward for the first magistracy, and as in accordance with article 78 of the constitution he could not be elected legally, in a desire to avoid erroneous or was not time to make known his antees and in which the economic deviews to the friends who were putting his name forward, he made a most solemn declaration before the honorable members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the government of this republic, that the votes deposited for him in the ballot boxes would be null and of no value and that even in the event, legally impossible, that the new congress should declare him elected president, he would not accept the office.

A Plea for Recognition.

"Relying, as the president does rely, upon the solemn and important offer of the honorable citizens who figured as candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency and who represent all the political parties of the republic, sure that the most perfect harmony will reign between the three powers of the union and that the governments of the world will recognize without exception that only the present government can call new elections and guarantee their freedom and efficacy, he hopes to fulfill easily within the period which congress shall designate his sacred duty of consecrating the national desire by the suffrage of the people the executive who is to rule definitely the destinies of the country. Otherwise

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the realization of the executive's program would not be possible within the long period of time. This program consists of peace and legality, which are the only mediums in which the elections may become the expression of the true popular will in which the individual, native as well malevolent interpretations, and there as foreigner, may enjoy full guarvelopment of the republic may permit all social classes to gather the fruits of their labors and the products of their capital.

> "By indication of the constitutional president, ad interim of the republic, General Victoriano Huerta, and with the unanimous approval of the cabinet formed by Lics Manuel, Garcia Aldape, Nemesoi Naranjo, Rafael Rebollar, Jose Maria Lozano and Adolfo del la Lama, as well as General Aurelio Blanquet and Augustin Garza Galidno, sub-secretary of justice, now charged with the administration of that office, I have the honor to acquaint the highly esteemed government of your excellency through your excellency's honorable effice with this general outline of the policy of the government of the republic to the end that all of the cultured countries by whose friendship Mexico is honored may do the executive the justice of recognizing that his honest and patriotic effort is intended solely to bring about the well being and prosperity of the Mexican republic.

"I have the satisfaction of renewing to your excellency on this occasion the assurance of my distinguished consideration."

AN OPEN LETTER TO W. J. B.

Dear W. Jennings: It would be A gracious deed of fine felicity If you would but impart to me Your little secret of publicity. Why is it everything you do Is promptly placarded and pageanted? What is the plan that puts it through So cleanly, cleverly press-agented?

Why, even before I heard your view, I scorned the monetary sciences And breathed (tho' Wall St. never knew)

The usual passionate defiances. But did that gain me praise or curse? Was my name trumpeted and tooted? No, not a toot! And what was worse, I wasn't even persecuted.

I, too, have served the unfizzed grape Upon my humble supper table, But did the gartered guests escape And send the story home by cable? Nay, Nay! but when you serve itbing!

Ambassadors slide down the bannister In haste to spread the wondrous thing As the' you'd served them grapeand cannister.

I've travelled the Chautauqua route Fom Passamaquoddy to Matanzas, But no one seemed to give a hoot, Not even the Senator from Kansas. They call you "Commoner," but why. Why do they always Upper-Case you? You are no commoner than I! Why shouldn't I, sometimes, displace you?

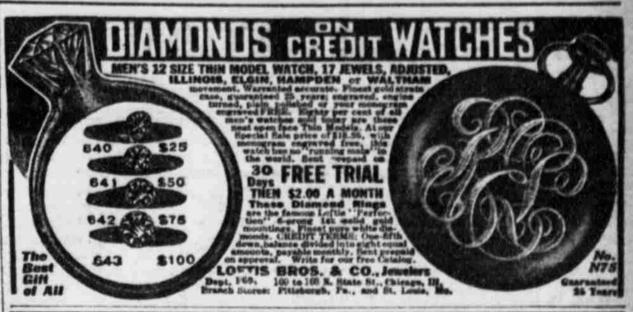
They've thrown so many bricks at you,

You've made a mansion of the missiles. They've barbed and buried you. Next

day They found you gathering figs from thistles.

So please, oh please, reveal your plan; Please let me work at it, or play with it,

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